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YMCA

● Board adopts policy on integration

BALTIMORE — The YMCA citywide board of directors in session Tuesday at the Central Branch, approved a statement of policy on integration.

The resolution accepted the following declaration sent out by the National Council of YMCA's a year ago in Pittsburgh:

"RESOLVED that the National Council of YMCA's call upon all member associations earnestly to work toward the elimination of segregation and other forms of racial discrimination by dealing with this matter frankly, courageously, and with a real sense of urgency at area, state, and local Association levels, recognizing fully that the Young Men's Christian Associations have the responsibility to furnish leadership and example by Christian action."

TO IMPLEMENT this general resolution the board of directors agreed to:

"(1) Affirm its nondiscriminatory policy in nominations for Board membership and appointments to association commissions and committees,

"(2) Continue the policy and practice of holding all citywide events on an integrated basis,

"(3) Continue to encourage inter branch activities which lead to interracial understanding and friendship,

"(4) Request the Legal Committee to review the Constitution and By-Laws to determine whether there are any desirable changes in the light of the trend toward desegregation,

"(5) Urge all branches to review their bylaws, rules and regulations, and take steps toward the elimination of any which may be discriminatory, either actually or by implication.

"(6) Urge that Branch Boards of Managers and Staff move as rapidly as practicable to an all inclusive membership in keeping with the Christian purpose of the YMCA, and

"(7) Continue the Special Study Commission as a resource group to Branches until its services are no longer needed."

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THE ABOVE recommendations which the board adopted were the work of a special study commission, headed by Dr. J. Carey Taylor, assistant superintendent, Baltimore Public Schools, as chairman.

Other commission members whom the board directed to function until their services to the branches are no longer needed are Dr. George Grant, J. A. B. Callis, W. Douglass Johnson, Henry H. Waters, W. Gordon McGregor and Clayton Demarest Jr.

Asked if he signed the commission report, Dean George W. Grant said he considered certain provisions too general, that he had not seen the final draft of recommendations and had recommended by letter that changes be made.

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SETH W. HEARTFIELD, chairman of the Y directors, read two resolutions from branches.

One from the Turner Station Branch Committee of Management asked the citywide board to act with dispatch in adopting a non discriminatory practice throughout its jurisdiction in keeping with the Y constitution.

Turner Station reminded the citywide directors that the Y has a service record of 100 years during which time the question of racial discrimination has been under study, and added:

"Both the power and responsibility to chart the course of the local branches in keeping with the general charter and bylaws are vested in your body."

The directors were asked to transmit necessary instructions to the entire YMCA membership and all administrators that such policy be put into effect without delay.

"Fear is the tax conscience pays to guilt," the Turner Station Branch wrote the citywide board.

A SECOND resolution read Tuesday came from the Druid Hill Avenue Branch Committee of Management.

It declared the Y has been slow in making its services available to all persons in the community, that its faith is being questioned.

The board was urged to accept the need for immediate desegregation of all YMCA facilities in Baltimore.

The YMCA cannot justify a failure to apply its principles to its practices, the Druid Hill Branch wrote the citywide board.

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ASKED WHETHER he was pleased with the recommendations of the special commission, as adopted by the board, Algernon A. Prestwidge Jr., told the AFRO, "I expected a more forward-looking report than this after a year of study.

"As I interpret the report, they give tacit approval to the 'keep off the grass' policy the Y has always followed.

"If we had received less than this, we could not consider ourselves as a part of the family. I was hoping the commission would urge that a change be made at least to keep up with the trend.

"It would have been gratifying to see segregation abolished first and then the recommendations which were passed used to implement the ruling.

"As it is now, we could conceivably be another 10 or 15 years away from it. I do not rejoice at such prospects."

Mr. Prestwidge is a member of the citywide board from Turner Station.

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LAST ALL-NEGRO 'Y' IN CITY WILL CLOSE

The Carlton Avenue branch of the Brooklyn-Queens Young Men's Christian Association, the last all-Negro "Y" in the city, will be closed officially on March 31.

Eugene Field Scott, executive secretary of the Brooklyn-Queens Y. M. C. A. board, said yesterday that closing of the branch would complete the racial integration of the sixteen units under the board's jurisdiction. The total Y. M. C. membership in the two boroughs is about 52,800, he said.

The Carlton branch has been serving Negroes for half a century, and for the last thirty-seven years at 405 Carlton Avenue, Brooklyn. The five-story red brick building will be sold because it is obsolete. The membership will be absorbed by other branches.

Mr. Scott said closing of the branch was in line with the national policy of the organization. Racial integration of the Brooklyn-Queens branches was started about ten years ago. It had been in effect for fifteen years in two summer camps.

A spokesman at national headquarters of the Y. M. C. A. noted that some branches in the city had virtually all-Negro memberships because the neighborhoods were predominantly Negro.

Anti-Segregation Bill Passed by Hi-Y Youth Legislature

Hear Talks On Higher Education

The Douglass High school Hi-Y is happy to announce that it has been successful in securing the passage of a bill prohibiting the segregation of races in inter-state and intra-state transportation. This bill also prohibits segregation in waiting rooms facilities and accommodations. It provides for a penalty of not less than $100 or more than $1,000 to be paid to the state by person or persons found guilty of such acts. (The bill contained an emergency clause which was also passed.

The Hi-Y club at Douglass has been trying to get this bill passed in the youth legislature for three years. Their attempts have been met with great opposition from Hi-Y conference directors who thought that a bill of this sort should not be permitted to come before the young people. The first year they presented the bill, is was removed from the rest of the bills that were to be debated by the Senate and no explanation was given as to what happened to it. The Hi-Y submitted the bill again last year, but the directors of the conference refused to publish it which meant that once again it would not be considered. The Hi-Y presented this bill for the third time this year and it was published for consideration after much discussion in a committee of state directors who amended the opposition of the Hi-Y Conference Directors.

Harold Fuller and LeRoy Pitts presented the bill in the senate this year. They presented persuasive debate in their committee session which won the approval for the bill by a large majority of the committee members. Not only did the committee members approve the bill but voted to strengthen it by an amendment which would extend the penalty to persons whose actions indicated intentions of segregation.

The following Hi-Y members participated in the meeting at the State Capitol: Gerald Harris, enrolling clerk for the house of Senate; LeRoy Pitts and Harold Fuller, Senators; Leon Dillard, Willard Jenkins and Charles Williams, members of the house of representatives; Irvin Kimbrough, director of Public Relations; Wayne Cogburn, Murray Butler and Janice L. Hall served as hosts and hostess for out of town guests.

It should be noted that bills which have been passed by the Hi-Y youth legislature have eventually been written into state laws. We hope that our bill will someday achieve this success.

Board Of Management Of YMCA Inducts Eleven New Members

Eleven new board members were recently inducted to the board of management of the 18th Street Branch Y. M. C. A.

The announcement came from Atty. Arthur D. Shores, board chairman who presided over the induction ceremonies.

Inducted were: W. E. Meadows, John J. Drew, Leslie Shortridge, Dr. Robert M. Howard, Dr. L. D. Green, all for three years; Dr. Gobi Parham, Henry J. Williams, Rev. John W. Rice, L. S. Gaillard, Jr., Dr. John W. Nixon and Rev. G. Sampson Myles.

Other members serving on the Board are: A. D. Shores, C. L. Price, A. G. Gaston, Sr., P. D. Jackson, Dr. A. W. Plump, L. R. Hall, Oscar W. Adams, Jr., J. L. Streeter, S. J. Bennett, Dillard Scurlark, G. W. Harrison, R. E. Bolden, W. H. Hollins, B. M. Montgomery, E. W. Billups, Rev. J. Clyde Perry, Dr. A. S. Mitchell, Dr. E. W. Taggart, R. C. Johnson and W. W. Whetstone.

Tate to advise YM on USO programs

NEWARK

Herbert H. Tate, prominent attorney, has been appointed to a policy-making position by the national board of the YMCA.

Eugene R. McCarthy, board chairman, last week announced Mr. Tate's appointment to the executive committee of the board's Armed Services Department.

The executive committee is composed of ten men who determine the overall policies of the USOs in the United States, and overseas.

A FORMER MEMBER of the Newark Board of Education, and vice president of the Associated Boards of Education of Essex County, Mr. Tate served with distinction with the State Department as a cultural attache in the U.S. Embassy in Karachi, Pakistan from 1951 to 1953.

HERBERT TATE

A product of the Montclair public schools, he holds the A.B. degree from Rutgers University, and the LL.B. degree from the former New Jersey Law School.

Baltimore suburb YM speaks for integration

BALTIMORE—When the citywide YMCA Board of Directors meets at the Central Branch May 10th, it will have before it two resolutions urging Y integration without delay.

The question has been before the board since 1940.

The Turner Statiion Branch Committee of Management unanimously passed a strong resolution at its two-hour dinner meeting Wednesday evening, May 4th. Charles R. Law, branch chairman presided.

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THE BRANCH, restricted to colored persons in the area, owns no buildings, uses an office in the Community Hall at 411 New Pittsburgh Ave., and conducts recreation activities in a public school gymnasium.

Two miles away is the new Dundalk YMCA which cost over $595,000 and is second only to Central Branch in activities and size.

The Dundalk Y limits its services to white Y members only.

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THE TURNER STATION resolution, introduced by Dr. Eugene Byrd, urged the Baltimore YMCA Board of Directors to abolish racial restrictions in all the city branches without delay.

Several members seconding the resolution said if Dr. Byrd had not presented a resolution, they would have done so. They said this was one or the best meetings they have ever had.

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SIXTEEN MEMBERS of the Turner Station Committee of Managers attending the session discussed the resolution then referred it to a subcommittee of Dr. Byrd, the Rev. Harold G. Nixon, the Rev. James A. Everett, the Rev. Carlton O. Cooke, Robert L. Abbott, Mrs. Catherine Pounds and the Rev. R. St. Claire Franklin.

While the full committee recessed, the subcommittee drafted the resolution.

PAUL HUGHES, assistant general secretary who represented W. Gordon MacGregor of the Central office, counselled patience.

He said a meeting of the Central executive committee is set for Monday before Tuesday's meeting of the directors and a report is expected.

Mr. Hughes left before the subcommittee brought in the final report.

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THE REV. MR. EVERETT told the full committee:

"In YMCA's, time for complete integration without equivocation is now.

"I can see no reason why my sons should be hauled like cats to Druid Hill, when they could so easily walk like boys to Dundalk.

"Our moral principles are at stake. The time to act is now. The teachings of Christ are quite clear, and if we must wait until everyone is ready, the millennium will be here.

"Some of us may live another 90 years and not be ready for judgement at the end of that time.

"I have waited in my beloved country for 32 years. Let the YMCA accord to all the members the followship of Christians."

Davis Highlights Dedication

Dedicate $Million YMCA in Houston

HOUSTON, Tex.—Dowdal H. Davis, general manager of the Kansas City Call, called for "the development of a philosophy of ideals to sustain the confidence of other nations in our interpretation of a democratic way of life, for too long have we preached democracy and practiced exactly the opposite."

Mr. Davis was the principal speaker at the dedication of the new million dollar South Central YMCA Building in Houston, Tex., Sunday afternoon, April 24, before an estimated 5,000 persons.

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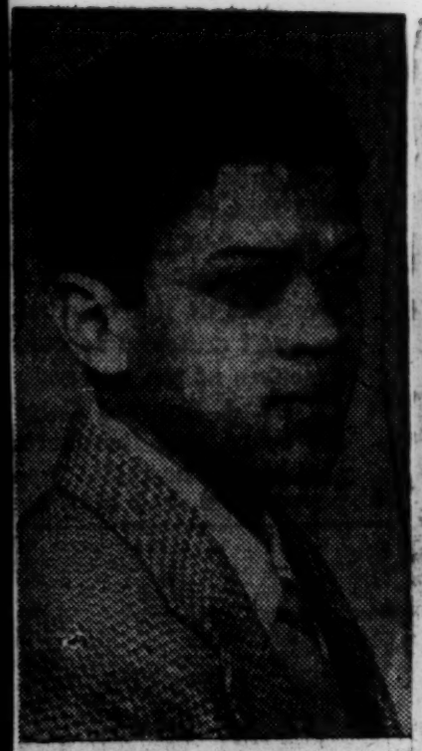
THE FASHIONABLE, modernistic South Central YMCA Building was opened to the public for the first time with a ribbon-cutting ceremony following the dedication program. To Lamar Fleming Jr., chairman of the board of directors, Anderson, Clayton Company, the world's largest cotton brokers, went the honor of cutting the ribbon and first to enter the new structure. Having personally given $350,000 to the building program and obtaining an additional $300,000 from the M. D. Anderson Foundation, Mr. Fleming was the principal benefactor for the new "Y" facility.

Brief presentations were made by Dr. R. O'Hara Lanier, president of Texas Southern University; Robert W. Kneebone, vice president of the United Fund of Houston and Harris County; Dr. John W. Davis, local dentist, and Hobart T. Taylor, transportation executive. The dedication cer-

emony was presided over by Edward J. Mosher, president of the Metropolitan YMCA board of directors. Robert J. Maloney, general secretary of the Houston YMCA, made an interpretative statement.

Tom Tellepsen, chairman of the architectural advisory committee, turned over the keys of the building to Robert A. Childers, vice president of the Metropolitan YMCA board, who, in turn, gave them to J. H. Jemison, chairman of the building program committee of the South Central YMCA. Dr. E. B. Perry, chairman of the board of managers of the South Central YMCA, was master of ceremonies for the dedication program. C. A. Dupree, Houston realtor and investment banker, was chairman of the arrangements committee for the program and open house.

New YMCA—Pictured is the new $1 million home of the South Central Branch YMCA (formerly Bagby Street Branch) in Houston, Tex., for which dedication ceremonies were held Sunday, April 24. The new "Y" facility stands on a five-acre site fronting Wheeler Avenue and Sampson Streets, two blocks east of Texas Southern University.



FRANK T. WOOD III
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Syracuse Lad In Paris for YMCA Parley

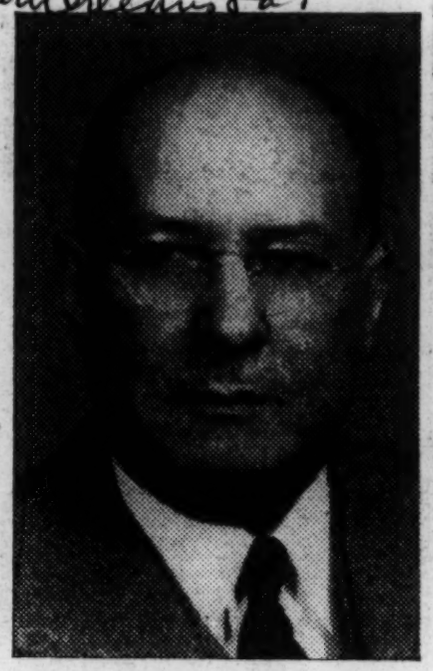
SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Frant T. Wood III of 221 Fineview Place, Syracuse, N. Y., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Wood Jr., has been elected as a delegate to the Centennial World Conference of Older Boys of the International YMCA, which will be held in Paris, France, Aug. 11 to 23.

Mr. Wood is one of four young men representating the Syracuse YMCA. Mr. Wood is a junior at Syracuse Central High School and has been an active participant in the local YMCA being a member of the Leaders Club, Hi-Y and on the swimming team.

Wood sailed from Quebec, Canada on the S. S. Castel Felice on July 26, arriving at LeHarve, France, on Aug. 3. Prior to the conference and after, Wood will join with other delegates and tour the following countries, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands and England.

Off To Paris For YMCA Confab

Weekly Pic New Orleans La.



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Leaving New York this week via plane for the centennial celebration of the YMCA in Paris, France, were, left to right, Dr. Felton G. Clark, president of Southern university and vice-president of the National YMCA, and W. H. Mitchell, executive secretary of the local Branch YMCA and Liberian consul. Others leaving with the pair are Dr. J. E. Sims, president of Victory Life Insurance company and member of the board of directors of the local "Y", and Dr. W. C. Booker, local dentist and state adjutant of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Louisiana Weekly Publisher C. C. Dejoie, Sr. was scheduled to occompany the group, but was forced to cancel plans because of sudden illness. Mr. Dejoie is presently convalescing at Flint-Goodridge Hospital.

National YMCA Vice President

Dr. Felton G. Clark, president of Southern University, Baton Rouge, La., was elected to the vice presidency of the National YMCA council at the annual meeting held recently at Hotel Statler in Washington, D. C. He was also named a member of the board of directors of the Blue Ridge assembly. Dr. Clark will attend the Paris Centennial in August as one of the American delegates.

Integration

● Resolution says time is now ripe

BALTIMORE

The citywide board of directors of the Baltimore YMCA, Tuesday put off a direct vote on integration in its 13 agencies. The meeting was held at the Central Y building.

Appeal of Truly Hatchett, president of the board of managers of the Druid Hill Avenue Branch Y, for immediate action was ignored.

THE DRUID HILL Branch board meeting Thursday night, approved Mr. Hatchett's request for integration now.

In addition it approved unanimously and sent to the citywide board a strong resolution urging an end to racial discrimination in the city's 13 YMCA agencies.

Text of the resolution was withheld by the branch board pending its receipt by the city-wide board.

Integration now was the chief topic of the 2½ hour meeting.

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AN EFFORT to postpone consideration of the resolution until the next meeting was voted down.

The chairman then appointed a committee to amend the original resolution and it was adopted.

As soon as the resolution was read, W. Gordon MacGregor, general secretary of the Baltimore YMCA, was called upon to comment on the measure.

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MR. MacGREGOR, in urging the branch board not to make its resolution public at this time, said that the AFRO misquoted him when it said he personally was for gradual rather than immediate integration.

Mr. MacGregor, who usually remains until the end of the branch meeting, left before it was over on Thursday.

W. Emerson Brown Sr. asked Mr. Hatchett whether the AFRO had quoted his telegram correctly.

Mr. Hatchett said "yes" and furthermore there was nothing in his telegram that he had not said to the citywide board repeatedly during the past two years.

WORD SPREAD among the Druid Hill Branch board of managers that Mr. Hatchett's telegram to the citywide Y board had not been read despite his request.

Seth W. Heartfield, chairman of the citywide board, declined to have read other telegrams urging immediate integration put in his hands from the Rev. Harold G. Nixon, a board member of the Turner Station Branch and pastor of New Life Presbyterian Church; the Rev. J. Timothy Boddie, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church and president of the Maryland State Baptist Convention; and Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, president-emeritus of Morgan State College.

In putting off a direct vote on integration the citywide board agreed it must first have a report of its desegregation committee appointed last May, and that report submitted to the executive committee.

NEGRO ELECTED PRESIDENT OF WORLD ALLIANCE OF YMCA

PARIS, France—Selected to head the newly established World Council of the YMCA movement is Charles D. Sherman, brilliant 37 year old Economic Advisor to the Liberian government.

Streamlining the administrative machinery of the YMCA, the constitution set up a World Council as its chief policy making body, consisting of 244 members from 38 countries. When they got around to looking for a most likely candidate to fill the office of president, no one could be found who possessed the qualifications of Charlie Sherman.

Sherman's election was the subject of widespread interest in the English press, France detailed it on a nation-wide broadcast.

It was indeed, a majestic and breath-taking sight when, at the closing session of the conference, Sherman at the head of his committee, moved down the center aisle toward the rostrum. The moment was tense as well as dramatic. Here was a black man from one of the world's two black republics; elevated to the leadership of a world organization by members of all races. Delegates from the colored nations were deeply moved and watched in stunned silence. Later, asked by an Arab told this reporter:

"Its almost unbelievable. I do believe the darker races are at the threshold of a new era."

About 10,000 throats let out a tremendous cheer as Sherman mounted the platform and bestowed upon the delegates, representing the six continents, the YMCA Charter, which they signed. As soon as he had one this he was immediately surrounded and mobbed by newsmen, photographers, handshakers and well wishers. Afterward his aides had to tear him loose to get him out of the hall.

Having known Sherman in Liberia I was fortunate to get an interview with him the following morning before breakfast. Even at that early hour visitors, and well-wishers were streaming in and out of his room, and the telephone constantly ringing. Asked if he had any word for Negro America, Sherman replied:

"I believe that any lingering doubt about the inter-racial character of YMCA has been dispelled by events of this convention. The YMCA is fully aware of its Christian responsibilities to assist youth in all parts of the world and that such assistance is limited only by the resources available. I am extremely happy that all these developments have come from the oldest International Youth Organization."

At 'Y' Conference in Paris

Charles Sherman, Liberian, To Head YMCA World Council

By CLIFTON S. HARDY

PARIS, France—Charles D. Sherman, 37, brilliant economics adviser to the Liberian Government, was elected to head the newly established World Council of the YMCA at the World Alliance of the YMCA which met in Paris.

Sherman's election was the subject of widespread interest in the English and French press.

Sherman is a magna cum laude graduate of the Howard University school of economics, has a BSc from the famed Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania and earned his master's in public finance from American University.

In addition to receiving numerous commissions, Sherman is a vestryman, Trinity Pro-Cathedral, member of the Board of Missions, Episcopal Church of Liberia and general treasurer, Convocation of the Protestant, Episcopal Church of Liberia.

Also he is president of the YMCA of Liberia and has had bestowed upon him the decoration of knight official of the Order of African Redemption, Grand Commander Order of Civil Merit (from Spain).

He is married to the former Vivian Odet Wood and they have three children.

YMCA Man Sees Integration As Two-Way Proposition

The fact that integration is a two-way proposition, was clearly brought into focus here yesterday by a young YMCA official during a speech at the Hungry Club.

Rev. L. Maynard Catchings, associate secretary for Interracial and Intercultural Relations, Student Services staff, YMCA, spoke on desegregation in education at the Butler Street YMCA. He was introduced by Dr. R. O. Johnson of Atlanta University.

ON TOUR

Rev. Catchings is presently making a tour of selected Negro and white colleges in the South in the interest of integration.

The former pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, Washington, D. C., said that Negro institutions should set the pace for integration.

Rev. Catchings analyzed the movement of desegregation as beginning with the abolitionist movement when the feeling came to life that "men were not to be servants of others." From this point he traced the movement to the war between the states and pointed out the contribution made by Frederick Douglas and other leaders of the period.

DIFFERENT MOVEMENT

The movement following that of the Civil War, Rev. Catchings pointed out, followed the theme of 'separate but equal.' Today, he believes, there is a different movement in effect.

"We have come to the point where it is more difficult to be a hypocrit," he said.

The YMCA official said this is a time when, "We are more concerned with attitudes." Rev. Catchings also views the present period as one in which people will be more discriminating, because, he added, "men will be judged on the basis of ability rather than on the basis of color."

The YMCA official believes that the day of the sterotype is rapidly "fading." He looks at the present period as one in which "We are trying to established social acceptance."

Rev. Catchings was optimistic regarding the attitudes of Southern college officials regarding the admittance of Negro students. He said he could remember only two who maintained a negetative point of view regarding Negroes in higher education.

As for the Negroes themselves, he said more emphasis should be place on total acceptance in the various school programs. He mentioned how on some campuses, Negroes have a tendency to flock together and form their own little groups." He believes some initiative should be taken to get them fully integrated in the various colleges.

The speaker traced some of the defects in the counseling program in the various colleges. He said that either Negroes were not fully aware of this service or that some of the colleges had made it their business to overlook Negroes.

While in Atlanta, Rev. Catchings spoke at Spelman and Morehouse Colleges.

YMCA executive committee has met on integration

4 of 9 members absent; no recommendations yet

By JAMES WOOD
BALTIMORE

The nine-man executive committee of the Baltimore YMCA met last week to discuss integration.

It has made no recommendation. One member was ill and three others were absent.

At its March 8 meeting the board referred the whole question of ending segregation to its executive committee.

The regular meeting date of the Board of Directors is the second Tuesday in the month, but in April, the meeting will be held on the 19th.

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TWELVE OF the 14 YMCA branches are set aside for white members only. Two, Druid Hill Ave. and Dundalk are colored.

A new Baldwin Branch in the 33rd Street area is set up for white members only.

The cafe at Central Branch was opened last year for the first time to all members, but the dormitory and other facilities are restricted.

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MEMBERS OF THE Y's executive committee when polled as to the outcome of last week's meeting said:

L. Mercer Smith, 4 Upland Rd., C and P Telephone Co. executive: "I have not been present at any recent meeting of the executive committee and therefore I would not know what if any action has been taken."

J. Cookman Boyd Jr., attorney, Baltimore Life Building, vice president of the YMCA Board of Directors and chairman of the executive committee: "I do not intend to give any more information over the phone. You may see me at my office—if I can find the time to talk to you."

Henry H. Waters, attorney, Baltimore Transit Building: "The committee met one day last week, but I did not attend the meeting. I do know that integration was discussed. The committee is still working on it, but has made no recommendations. In view of that, I have no comment to make on the matter."

Harvey C. Bickle, attorney, Munsey Building: "That is right, we are considering the question of integration. There's been nothing new since last week. You covered everything in your paper, Friday."

R. L. Hockley, 318 Overhill Rd.: "I have been flat on my back for a month. Having been ill, I have been out of touch with the YMCA and recent developments. I don't think I had better express any opinion."

C. Edwin Clarke, 5504 St. Albans Way: "I have not attended any meeting of the executive committee on this matter. If I did, I don't have any comment to make."

William Purnell Hall, executive Maryland Dry Dock Co.: "We have discussed the matter. I believe it is best to leave it to Mr. Heartfield, the president, to make any statements for publication. You can be assured however, that we are going to work out the situation to the satisfaction of all."

Other members of the executive committee are Dr. J. Carey Taylor and C. Keating Bowie, attorney, Mercantile Trust Building.

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LAST WEEK when the AFRO asked Seth W. Heartfield whether the Y's segregation policies violate its cinstitution, the board president said that he would only answer queries put in writing.

A letter sent to Mr. Heartfield, president of the Delvale Ice Cream Co., 2030 Harford Rd., remains unanswered.

Meanwhile, the AFRO talked at length, this week, with J. A. B. Callis, 2113 Druid Hill Ave., a retired schoolteacher and one of two colored members of the board. The discussion centered around YMCA policy and the organization's constitution.

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MR. CALLIS said that the Board of Directors, following past procedure, would be reluctant to order the association's 14 branches to integrate.

The board member said: "The Board of Directors has never in this association handed down a directive to the branches . . . Now whether that is a good thing, can be a difference of opinion.

"I have observed no tremendous opposition to integration in the YMCA.

"I agree that this is a matter for the Board of Directors to settle."

The public was asked, this week: "Should the YMCA do away with its segregation policies immediately?" Here are the answers:

William A. Blackwell, 2641 Rayner Ave., postal worker: "Yes, I think they should, since it is the Young Men's Christian Association. It would seem to me that the word 'Christian' in itself would eliminate segregation. When you think of a Christian, you surely do not think of a person who wants to separate himself from others because of race, creed or color. We are all members of the human race."

George Hiltner, 6221 Liberty Rd., journalist: "I certainly do. As an organization bearing the name of Christian, the 'Y" ought to be one of the leaders in ending segregation."

Det. Francis W. Woods, state's attorney's office: "Any decent, clean citizen should be able to use all facilities of the YMCA. I think you're going about it in the wrong way, though. You

should educate your people first."

Dr. Orris G. Walker, 837 N. Caroline St., dentist: "The YMCA should definitely end its segregation policies. I am for integration."

William A. Johnson Jr., 1607 N. Bentalou St., engineer, Board of Education: "Well now, sometimes these things come too fast, but I think it's about time the 'Y' integrated."

Charles W. Frederick, 5619 Walther Ave., laborer: "I don't think so."

Leonard M. Frank, 1266 Washington Blvd., clerk at Maryland Container: "I just don't approve of swimming together."

Henry C. Brown, 1118 Myrtle Ave., Pullman porter: "I think they should end segregation."

Thomas Walker, 520 N. Gilmor St., longshoreman: "Yes, segregation should be done away with. Integration will give us a chance to enjoy the rights due us as citizens."

Paul Jacobs, lawyer, 4919 Poe Ave.: "I don't believe the YWCA is a public organization—if it is I would say it should integrate immediately based on the Supreme Court decision."

John A. Rupp, 2858 Lake Ave., employee B and O Railroad:

"That's up to the association. I don't know whether the colored people would want to go in with the white. You have to test both sides. And you would have to treat the hotels the same way—they'd have to integrate too what with colored players on the teams."

Leo V. Nine, 1624 Northgate Rd., employee, General Motors: "It is up to the young people to say segregation should be done away with. A teacher is put in the schools to teach and the YM is a place to help young people to live together. I think they should integrate now."

Harry Stern, 6209 Winner Ave., liquor dealer: "I think all segregation should be done away with."

Fred D. Chase, 1538 N. Gilmor St., cement finisher: "No, I don't think the YMCA should end segregation in the branches."

Leon W. Walker, 2804 Edmondson Ave., plumber: "I don't like to get into a discussion about the 'Y' and segregation, but I will say 'yes,' they should integrate."

William L. Adams, 1730 N. Bond St., park employee: "I think the YMCA should be integrated."

Brooklyn Closes Negro Y.M.C.A. Branch at 'Integration' Dinner

BROOKLYN. — (ANP) — Anne Arnold Hedgeman, assistant to Mayor Robert Wagner, delivered a dramatic and moving address at an event preceding the closing of the 53-year-old Brooklyn Carlton Negro YMCA branch at 405 Carlton Avenue. [illegible] spoke on "Patterns for Integration" at a testimonial dinner at Mimi's downtown restaurant.

Dist. Atty. Edward S. Silver embraced her and Hon. Abner U. Surpless, vice president of the Board of Directors, strongly reaffirmed that discrimination would have no place in the Brooklyn and Queens YMCA, while 200 persons present applauded vociferously.

"The Negro has a rich heritage that has prepared him for these times," she said. "They have long experience in the struggle for real and complete democracy. Now they may help America to achieve unity physically, intellectually and spiritually, and to regain international prestige. We can, as we work together, help our community to practice democracy in a new way.

"Some will be fearful of these new relationships, both among Negroes and whites. Here again Negroes can lead by offering a real leadership built within their own community in order that our young people may move into the new day with pride and confidence. Let's not waste our substance on things that have little moral or spiritual value, but let us put first those things that will merit the respect of all."

Before Mrs. Hedgeman spoke, Kings County Dist. Atty. Silver had stressed the need of living the democracy which we profess.

Others on the program were Joseph I. Hackett, the Rev. Robert R. Johnson of Nazarene Congregational church, the Rev. Benjamin J. Lowry of Zion Baptist church and Atty. Courtney L. Wiltshire.

Hon Surpless presented plaques to four members of the Carlton Board of Managers. Asst. Dist. Atty. Stanley M. Douglass, Atty. Oliver D. Williams, A. Jerome Loring and J. Daniel Diggs, confidential aid to Borough President John Cashmore.

Citations were presented to 12 board members for outstanding service. They were Edward L. Faulcon, Cornelius D. Seen, Walter K. Taylor, Dr. Walter N. Beekman. Norman W. Robinson, Hon. Bertram L. Parker, Allen Jordan, Edward J. Robeson, Louis J. Warner Marcus H. Drakes. Cain Young and Richard C. White. Two employes who had served faithfully for many years were honored — Mrs. Nannie Thompson and Norman Layne.

It was announced that John Enoch, Carlton executive secretary, would join the Brooklyn-Queens Y's staff and that Dist. Atty. Douglass and Atty. Williams had been placed on the Brooklyn-Queens Y's board.

Integration conference set for Houston May 17

HOUSTON, Tex. (ANP) — A southwestern regional conference on integration has been slated for the Houston downtown YMCA May 17.

Sponsored by 500 civic and professional leaders from 17 Southern and border states, the emphasis of the conference, according to one of its sponsors, "will be primarily upon the moral rather than the legal aspects of the problem of integration."

Chairman of the conference will be Bishop S. L. Greene, senior prelate of the AME church, Atlanta, Ga.

Other conference officials will include Dr. W. H. Jernagin, Washington; John Wesley Dobbs, Atlanta; Miss Jolee Fritz, Greensboro, N.C.; Dr. James A. Dombrowski and Rabbi Julian B. Feibelman, New Orleans, and Sarah Patton Boyle, Charlottesville, Va.

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CONFERENCE sponsors include Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, president - emeritus, Bethune Cookman College; James P. Brawley, president, Clark College, Atlanta; Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, president-emeritus, Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, N.C.;

John S. Chambers, executive secretary, Kentucky Council of Churches; Lexington, Ky.; Hector Dabbs, II, president, Virginia Christian Youth council; Bertram W. Doyle, presiding bishop, sixth episcopal district, CME Church;

M. L. Harris, president, Philander Smith college, Little Rock, Ark.; Dr. O. B. Taylor, Knoxville, Tenn.; Hugh P. Williamson, assistant attorney - general, Missouri, and Richard Howard Powers, assistant professor of history, Southern Methodist University.

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● Quick action on integration needed now

BALTIMORE

The citywide board of directors of the YMCA has asked all branches of the association to review their bylaws, rules and regulations, and take steps toward the elimination of any which may be discriminatory either actually or by implication.

This request was made at the May meeting at which time the citywide board also urged the branches to move toward integration as "rapidly as practicable."

This means that branch boards of managers may vote at any time to end existing discriminatory practices. Some branches may take this action at their June meeting.

A VOTE to integrate by the Dundalk Branch YMCA would bring immediate relief to hundreds of children in the Turners Station—Dundalk area who must now travel 9 miles to go swimming.

The Dundalk Y which now restricts its membership to white persons was built five years ago at a cost of over $595,000 and has all modern facilities.

The Turners Station Branch has office space in the Community Hall and conducts recreational activities in a public school gymnasium.

IF THE Dundalk Branch board of managers should order integration, Turners Station children would then have to travel only two miles to swim.

Turners Station Y members now have to come to the Druid Hill Y Branch—A a 45-minute drive — to swim.

With summer just a month away, democratic action by the Dundalk board would be timely in many respects.

Warren Cochrane To World YMCA Conference

WARREN R. COCHRANE

Warren R. Cochrane, Executive Secretary of the Butler Street YMCA will represent his unit at at the World Conference of YMCA's to be held in Paris, France August 19-23rd.

Mr. Cochrane will fly both ways and his trip will take him also to Edinburgh, Scotland; London, England; Rome, Italy and Hamburg, Germany. He will be away from the YMCA for a total of three weeks.

DR. FELTON CLARK NAMED TO YMCA COUNCIL STAFF

WASHINGTON — Dr. Felton G. Clark, president, Southern University, Baton Rouge, La., was elected vice president of the National YMCA Council at its annual meeting at Hotel Statler here. He will attend the Paris Centennial in August.